



## WASHINGTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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### WASHINGTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT LEAD POISONING PREVENTION PROGRAM

The adverse health effects of lead poisoning in children under 6 years old are well documented. Recent research presented at the Pediatric Academic Societies annual meeting indicates that children at age 6 who are exposed to lead also experience adverse health effects due to being in a period of rapid cognitive development.

Our program's main objectives are:

**Primary prevention of lead poisoning**

**Early detection and management of elevated blood lead levels in children.**

Every child 6 months old through 5 years old should be screened at well child visits using the "4 Easy Questions" to determine if they should receive a blood lead level test.

Our department has state certified **lead hazard investigators** on staff to assist eligible county residents with assessing their homes for lead hazards.

We provide information on **lead safe remodeling practices**.

We provide information on **lead poisoning prevention** on our website <http://www.co.washington.wi.us/chn>, under Maternal/Child Health Services, with links to the state's and the EPA's lead poisoning prevention websites.

The pamphlets **Lead Hazard Abatement Resource Guide for Washington County Residents** and **Is Your Child at Risk for Lead Poisoning? How the Health Department Can Help** are available to the public at our department or on our website.

Please contact us with referrals or concerns.

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